

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 4, 2026

10:15 a.m.



In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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Welcome to Lord of Life!

Your presence in our midst is a blessing to us. We hope you find our worship service a prayerful and meaningful experience.

Visitors

If you are visiting with us this weekend, please consider signing our guest book located in our Gathering Space. An usher will be happy to assist you.

Holy Communion

All are welcome to partake in Communion regardless of Christian denomination. Please follow the usher's direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the altar railing and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten free hosts are available upon request.

Worship notes

"ELW" refers to our hymnbook "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" which is the red hymnbook in the pew racks. Other hymns that may be included in our worship service, that do not appear in ELW, will be directly printed into the bulletin.

All items in **bold** print are responses spoken by the assembly.

Worship bulletin key: P = Pastor, L = Lector, C = Congregation.

Any other specific directions are notated in **red** throughout the bulletin.

The offering plate is located as you enter the worship space.

Restrooms

There are two sets of restrooms located in our building. The first, and closest, are found by exiting the sanctuary and turning to your right, down the hallway toward the coat room, and then turning right once again.

The second set, is located by exiting the sanctuary, turning right down the hallway toward the coat room and then turning left. Walk all the way down to the end of the hallway and they are located on your left.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Announcements

Prelude Hymn to the Moon (from St. Francis Suite) Richard Purvis

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

C Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

P Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

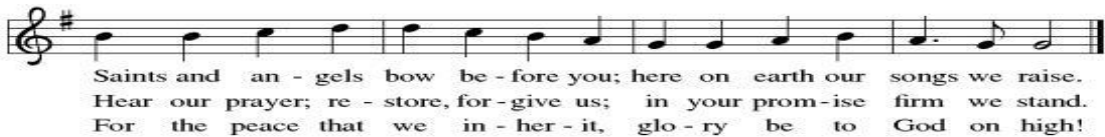
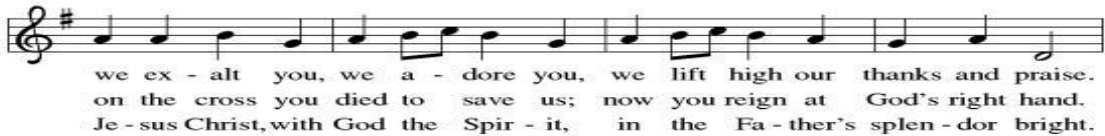
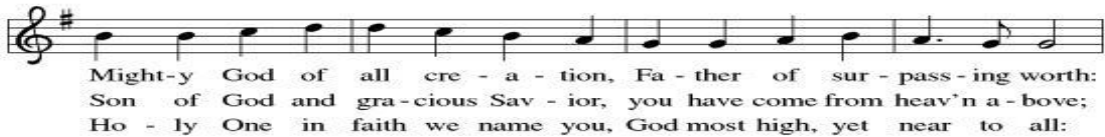
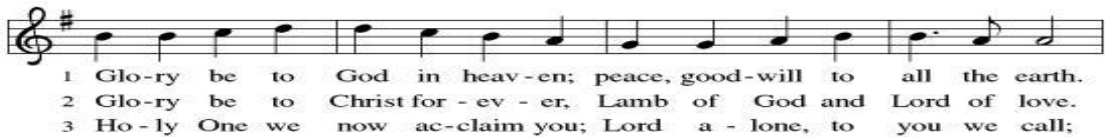
Gathering Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ELW 803

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Glory to God



Prayer of the Day

P Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please be seated

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-15

The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;**

you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it;

it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14



Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to
the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he
is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

P Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world

A brief silence.

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.**

P God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation (*especially Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church*). Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.**

P God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones (*regions in crisis may be named*), and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.**

P God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering especially those we name before you now...

Laurel Froelich, Dr. Ronald Gould, Chris Hunnicutt, Michael Jacques, Sean Kelly, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, Tami Kuhlmann, George Lange, Diane Malloy, Vangie McDorman, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Frank Scotts, Bob Titus, David Titus, Pearl Torrence, Debbie Williams, and the family of Staci Thomas.

(The names on the prayer list are updated every 30 days. If you wish to continue to have someone on the list, please contact the office.)

Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.**

P God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God

C **your mercy is great.**

P God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you.

Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.**

P Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Response

In the Singing

ELW 466

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

- P Let us pray,
God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to
our neighbors, today and always.
- C **Amen.**

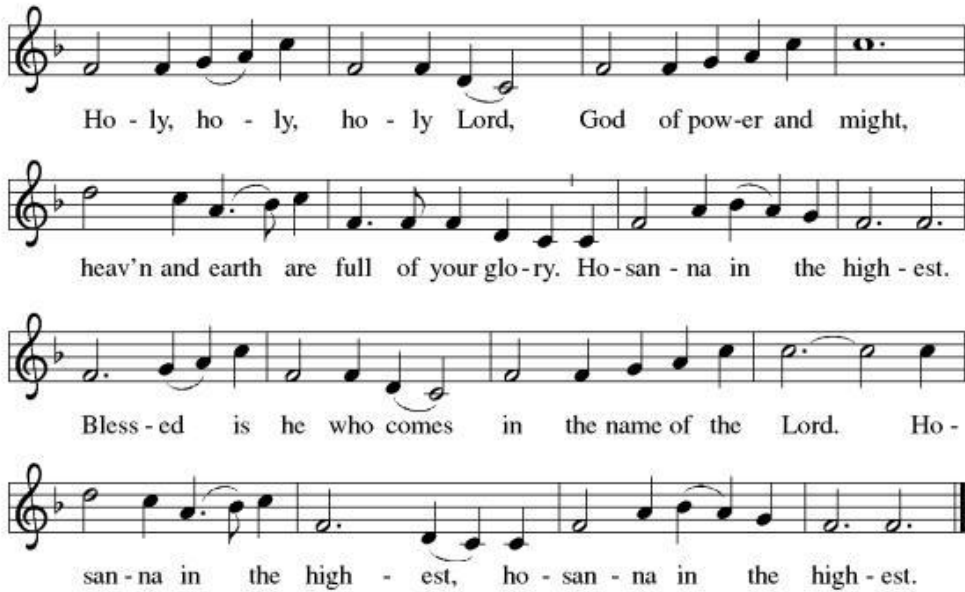
Dialogue

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy,



Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent us to Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks: broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

C Amen

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated

Communion

Communion Distribution Canticle of the Turning ELW 723

Anthem

Please stand

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray,

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Sending Song Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise ELW 826

Blessing

**P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.**

C Amen.

**P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.**

C Amen.

P The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated. It is our tradition here at Lord of Life to be seated during the postlude. If it is your desire to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you.

Postlude Ascription (from St. Francis Suite) Richard Purvis

Weekly Readings October 5 through October 10

Mon 10/05	Tues 10/06	Wed 10/07	Thurs 10/08	Fri 10/09	Sat 10/10
Psalm 144	Psalm 144	Psalm 144	Psalm 23	Psalm 23	Psalm 23
Ezekiel 19: 10-14	Isaiah 27 1-6	Song of Songs 8: 5-14	Isaiah 22:1-8a	Isiah 22:8b- 14	Isaiah 24: 17-23
1 Peter 2: 4- 10	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	John 11:45- 47	1 Peter 5: 1-5, 12-14	James 4:4-10	Mark 2: 18-22

Those serving in Worship in October

	10/04	10/11	10/18	10/25
Greeter/Usher	Bob Soles	Jeff Donbroski	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West
Lector	Chris Eash	Judy McCartney	Pastor Mark Williams	Norma Thomas
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
Crucifer				
Acolyte				

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Scan for October Calendar



This Week at Lord of Life

<u>Sunday</u>	9:30 a.m.	Kids Time
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 p.m.	Madrigal Group
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:30 a.m.	Life Links
	1:00 p.m.	GriefShare
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
<u>Thursday</u>		
<u>Friday</u>	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship

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MORNING and EVENING PRAYERS

We hope you can join us each week for these mid-week prayer events. You are also more than welcome to join us in person for these prayer opportunities as well.

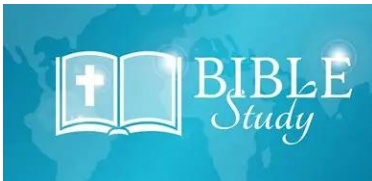
Evening Prayer continues on **Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m.** This simple service of prayer, readings and song will be broadcast live on our Facebook page each week.

Morning Prayer continues on **Fridays, at 10:00 a.m.** Once again, this service will be broadcast live on our Facebook page.

CHILI COOK-OFF



Congratulations to **Ken Jakubek**, grand champion, and his lovely sous chef, **Norma Pignanelli**, for his delicious, award-winning chili. For his efforts, he won a beautiful trophy. Congratulations!



Wednesday Bible Study (10:30 am) **Sept 23rd-Oct 21st**

Pastor Becky will lead a study on the challenging parables of Jesus from Matthew's Gospel that we will be hearing in worship during these fall months



Cluster-Wide study on “Faith and Civic Life”

While the exact dates/times are TBA, Pastor Becky will be leading a study on the social statement approved by the 2025 Church-wide Assembly called “Faith and Civic Life,” on Sunday, October 19, from 6:00-7:30pm. The study will be open to all Mahoning County Lutheran Cluster Churches. Keep an ***eye (or two) open*** for a sign-up sheet!

Cluster-wide Blessing of Animals



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Poland will hold a Blessing of Animals service on Sunday October 4th at 2 pm in their outdoor pavilion. Members and friends of all Mahoning County Lutheran Cluster churches are welcome.



GriefShare Grief Support Group

The next session of our GriefShare group will started Tuesday, September 15, at 1:00pm. There are thirteen sessions, and all are on Tuesdays, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Please register for the group at [GriefShare.org](https://www.griefshare.org).

NEW MEMBER CLASS

For anyone interested in becoming a member or learning more about Lord of Life, we will hold a 2 session New Member class on Sunday October 4th and 11th after worship. These 2 classes will cover our basic beliefs as ELCA Lutherans, as well as more specific information about this congregation. Those who decide to join as members will be welcomed into membership



ALTAR FLOWERS



The Altar Flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of ***Carol Kershner***, and in honor of the wedding anniversary of ***Carol and Rick Kershner*** on September 29, by ***Rich Kershner***.

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